

## T03D06 – Topic 03 Review MS

1. *alkali metals:*  
metallic bonding/a bed of cations in a sea of electrons;  
as radius increases down the group, valence electrons are further away from nucleus (and strength of metallic bonding decreases);  
*halogens:*  
non-polar/van der Waals' forces between molecules;  
as size increases van der Waals' forces increase (and melting point increases);
- period 3 elements:*  
increase in melting points of metals (Na, Mg, Al) due to increase in number of valence electrons **and** decrease in size/the way atoms are packed as solids;  
*Award mark just for "increased number of delocalized or valence electrons".*  
*silicon:*  
network covalent solid (with very high melting point);  
*Award mark also for "many or strong covalent bonds".*
- P → Ar:*  
simple molecular (atomic in case of Ar) substances with weak van der Waals' forces (and lower melting points);  
trend in P<sub>4</sub>, S<sub>8</sub>, Cl<sub>2</sub>, Ar due to size/mass of particles; 8  
*Award mark for "decreasing mass or size".*  
*Molecular formulae not necessary.*
2. (a) (i) the ability of an atom to attract a bonding pair of electrons;  
inert/do not react/do not attract electrons/stable electron configuration/full outer electron shell/do not form bonds; 2  
(ii) electronegativity increases (along period 3 from Na to Cl);  
number of protons increases/nuclear charge increase/core charge increase/size of atom decreases; 2  
*Do not accept "greater nuclear attraction".*  
(iii) Cl<sub>2</sub> stronger oxidising agent;  
Cl<sub>2</sub> has greater attraction for electrons/has a higher electron affinity; 2  
*Accept converse statements for Br<sub>2</sub>.*
- (b) MgO → basic oxide/alkali;  
MgO + 2HCl → MgCl<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O/MgO + H<sub>2</sub>O → Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub>;  
Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> → amphoteric oxide/acidic and basic oxide;  
Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 6HCl → 2AlCl<sub>3</sub> + 3H<sub>2</sub>O;  
Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 2OH<sup>-</sup> + 3H<sub>2</sub>O → 2Al(OH)<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> + 2OH<sup>-</sup> → 2AlO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> + H<sub>2</sub>O;  
P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> → acidic oxide;  
P<sub>4</sub>O<sub>6</sub> + 6H<sub>2</sub>O → 4H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>3</sub>; 7  
*All equations must be balanced.*
3. (a) the ability of an element/atom/nucleus to attract a bonding pair of electrons; 1  
(b) electronegativity increases (along period 3 from Na to Cl);  
number of protons increases/nuclear charge increases/core charge increases /size of atoms decreases; 2  
*Do not accept greater nuclear attraction.*  
(c) Cl<sub>2</sub> is a stronger oxidizing agent/Chlorine's outer shell closer to nucleus;  
Cl<sub>2</sub> has greater attraction for electrons/has a higher electron affinity; 2  
*Accept converse argument for Br<sub>2</sub>.*

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